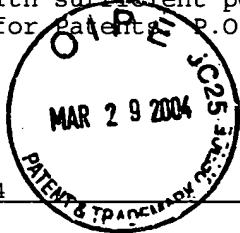


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR SECTIONS 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

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Sir:

The accompanying PTO Form 1449 is submitted pursuant to 37 CFR Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, directing Applicants to submit literature and information that may be considered material to the examination of the claims of an application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant Supplementary Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being submitted before a final office action under 37 CFR § 1.113. Therefore, the instant Supplementary IDS, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c).

shall be considered by the Office if filed by the applicant after the period specified in paragraph (b) of this section, provided that the information disclosure statement is filed before the mailing date of either a final action under §1.113, or a notice of allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first and is accompanied by either:

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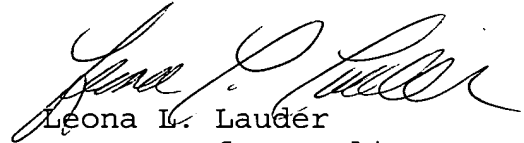
Applicants respectfully submit that the "filing of an information disclosure statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in Section 1.56(b)" [37 CFR Section 1.97(h)]; and that an information disclosure statement filed in accordance with 37 CFR Section 1.97 "shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made." [37 CFR Section 1.97(g)]

Further the identification of any document herein is not intended to be, and, Applicants respectfully submit, should not be construed as being, an admission that such a document, in fact, constitutes "prior art" within the meaning of the applicable laws, since, for example, a given document may have a later effective date than at first seems apparent, or the document may have an effective date which can be antedated.

Applicants respectfully conclude on this point that the "prior art" status of any document is a matter to be resolved during prosecution.

Thus, Applicants respectfully conclude that the citation of references herein is not intended to be an admission that any of the references are considered to be material or to constitute prior art, or that any of the references either alone or in combination with any other references would be sufficient to render any of the claims of the above-identified patent application unpatentable.

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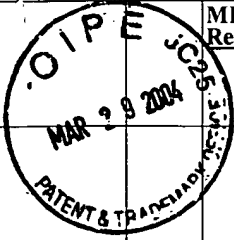
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